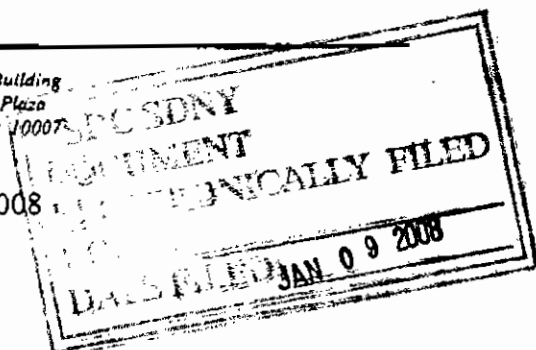




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By FacsimileThe Honorable George B. Daniels  
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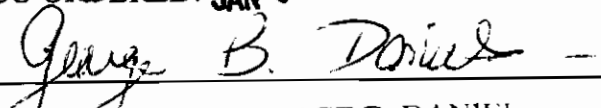
Dear Judge Daniels:

The parties are currently scheduled to appear before the Court on January 10, 2008, for a pretrial conference in the above-referenced matter. The Government is in the process of having discussions regarding a disposition of this matter with counsel for both defendants, and, while we believe that we will reach dispositions with both defendants, the parties need additional time to continue those discussions. Accordingly, the Government respectfully requests that the Court adjourn the upcoming conference, for approximately 30 days. In addition, the Government requests an exclusion of time under the Speedy Trial Act, from January 10, 2008, until the date of the next conference. I have spoken with counsel for each of the defendants, and they consent to the requested adjournment and to the exclusion of time. Thank you for your consideration of these matters.

Respectfully,

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(212) 637-2288The conference is adjourned to  
February 14, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.

SO ORDERED: JAN 09 2008

  
HON. GEORGE B. DANIEL